

REMARKS

The specification is amended herein to correct the priority claim for the above-captioned application. A marked version of the amended specification paragraph is submitted herewith as Appendix A.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants believe that the present application is in condition for early examination, and action toward that end is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that a telephone interview would expedite the examination of this application, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

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APPENDIX A  
MARKED VERSION OF AMENDED SPECIFICATION PARAGRAPH

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This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/346,660, filed July 1, 1999, which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 08/671,987, filed June 28, 1996 (now U.S. Pat. 5,942,443). This application also **[claims the benefit]** is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/664,847, filed September 19, 2000, which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/179,242, filed October 26, 1998 (now U.S. Pat. 6,156,181), which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 08/843,212, filed April 14, 1997 (now U.S. Pat. 5,885,470), which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/015,498.